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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs**

**SUBJECT : National Reconnaissance Program**

**REFERENCE : Your Memorandum dated 7 June 1963,  
Subject as Above**

The agreement between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Defense on NRO referred to in my response of 15 April 1963 continues as the basic charter. While both my office and the Office of the Secretary of Defense did as much as possible to insure that no ambiguities or areas of possible conflict were contained in this agreement, its implementation has brought forth certain areas needing clarification. Most of these areas have now been identified and have been the subject of discussion in the past several weeks between and among Dr. Wheelon (my Deputy for Science and Technology), General Carter and myself, representing CIA, and Dr. McMillan (Director of the NRO), Dr. Fubini and Mr. Gilpatric, representing DOD. It is perhaps premature at this time to state whether these discussions will bring about a need to revise this agreement. However, in light of the significance of the program to which this agreement addresses itself, and your known interest in it, I will insure that you are kept advised of any significant changes that may take place.

**John A. McCone**

**cc: President's Foreign Intelligence  
Advisory Board**

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